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EXDIS FOR AMBASSADOR; ISTANBUL FOR BATJER ONLY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, SHUM, TPHY, BU (MARINOV, STEFAN MARINOV)

SUBJECT: MARINOV INCIDENT

REFS: (A) STATE 19416 (NOTAL; (B) SOFIA 145 (NOTAL);
(C) STATE 14547; (D) ISTANBUL 00275

1. AS NOTED REF (A), DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED REPLIES FROM
FORMER CONSULAR OFFICERS AT EMBASSY SOFIA TO OUR QUERIES
RE MARINOV REPORTED REF (C). WE UNDERSTAND THAT ROBERT
SARGENT HAS ALREADY PROVIDED SAME MATERIAL TO EMBASSY SOFIA
IN RESPONSE TO DIRECT REQUEST FROM AMBASSADOR.

2. FORMER CONSUL GEORGE MCLAIN REPORTED THAT NAME STEFAN
MARINOV WAS FAMILIAR BUT THAT HE WAS UNABLE TO OFFER ANY
SPECIFIC RECOLLECTIONS. HE REPORTED, HOWEVER, THAT EMBASSY
SOFIA "FOLKLORE" TOLD OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO CAME TO EMBASSY
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IN HOSPITAL CLOTHING SOMETIME IN SPRING OF 1974. INDIVIDUAL
WAS SAID TO HAVE REQUESTED ASYLUM AND REFUSED TO LEAVE
"UNTIL RECLAIMED BY BULGARIAN MEDICAL AUTHORITIES."

3. MCLAIN ALSO DESCRIBED A SEPARATE INCIDENT DURING HIS OWN
TENURE IN SOFIA IN WHICH A CLEARLY UNBALANCED INDIVIDUAL
CAME TO THE EMBASSY IN LATE 1974 OR EARLY 1975. INDIVIDUAL

CLAIMED THAT HE COULD NOT FIND EMPLOYMENT AS RESULT OF PRIOR EMPRISONMENT. HE REPORTEDLY WAS FINALLY REMOVED BY BULGARIAN CIVIL AUTHORITIES. MCLAIN IS CERTAIN THAT THIS INCIDENT IS ON RECORD SINCE HE PROVIDED A MEMO ON SUBJECT TO HELENE BATJER. HE ALSO BELIEVES IT LIKELY THAT MRS. KIROVA, IF SHE IS ONE OF FSL'S IN QUESTION, IS RECALLING THIS INCIDENT SINCE INCIDENT DESCRIBED PARA 2 ABOVE OCCURED PRIOR TO HER EOD AT EMBASSY.

4. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED NO INFORMATION IN EITHER OF REPORTS FROM FORMER CONSULAR OFFICERS, OR IN REF (D), THAT WOULD ALTER ITS CONCLUSIONS OUTLINED IN PARA 1, REF (C). DEPARTMENT WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION EMBASSY MAY HAVE OBTAINED IN ITS OWN EFFORTS WHICH MIGHT BE USEFUL IN FURTHER ATTEMPT TO RECONSTRUCT INCIDENT, IN ADDITION TO INFORMATION REQUESTED PARA 9, REF (C). DEPARTMENT WOULD ALSO LIKE TO KNOW DATES OF EOD FOR REFERENCED FSL'S,AS WELL AS ANY INFORMATION MARINOV MAY HAVE PROVIDED RE NUMBER AND APPROXIMATE DATES OF PREVIOUS CONTACTS WITH EMBASSY, INCLUDING NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS CONTACTED. DEPARTMENT IS CONTINUING TO PURSUE A DWINDLING NUMBER OF LEADS AND WILL REPORT ANY FURTHER INFORMATION OBTAINED.
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